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MS PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  continuation  divisional  
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 10/207,987 filed on July 31, 2002,  
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

Toshio YAMAGIWA

for

SHOCK ABSORBER FOR A TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE

1.  Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2.  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE		\$750.00		\$375.00	
NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS		17-20 = 0		x 18 = \$0.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		2-3 = 0		x 84 = \$0.00	
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		TOTAL		\$0.00	
				\$0.00	

3.  A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
  - a.  --This application is a  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/207,987, filed on July 31, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 2001-239973 filed in JAPAN on August 7, 2001 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
  - b.  --This application is a  continuation  divisional  continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/207,987, filed on July 31, 2002 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 10/207,987 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.-

6.  Enclosed is/are eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

7a.  A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/207,987 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

7b.  The current application qualifies for small entity status.

8.  The prior application is assigned to HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA.

9.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10a.  Priority of Application No(s). 2001-239973 filed in JAPAN on August 7, 2001 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on July 31, 2002.

10b.  Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

12.  Address all future communications to:  
  
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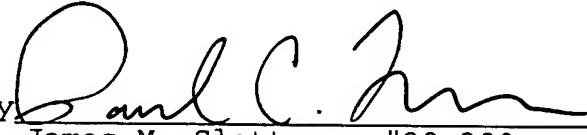
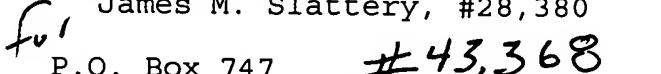
13.  An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/207,987 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14.  Also enclosed herewith is the following:  
  
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, co  
C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly,  
extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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